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18 March 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

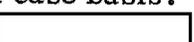
a. Jack Smith reported that at the suggestion of the U.S.S.R. the scheduled trip by the National War College students to the U.S.S.R. had been scratched. General Carter asked whether this was the first such scheduled trip and, if not, what we had done in the past about our students in the National War College class. (I asked Matt Baird to look into this. He submitted a report on not only the U.S.S.R. but also other Iron Curtain countries which I forwarded to General Carter.)

b. Dick Helms told General Carter that, while signing a memorandum about Project USEFUL, the thought occurred to him that we might ask the Defense Intelligence Agency to conduct a Project USEFUL for key CIA employees. General Carter endorsed this idea. (I passed this on to Matt Baird, who had not heard about Dick's memorandum. After he reads it, he will contact DIA to see what their reaction might be to such a proposal.)

2. I met with Tom Karamessines on several matters.

a. I discussed with him several instances in which the  station proceeded with actions which clearly called for DD/S approval and then requested approval retroactively after the action had been taken and there was no way out of it. Tom was very sympathetic to this problem and agreed that it would be not only appropriate but also appreciated if I would write him a memorandum to this effect which he could send to the field. This I have done.

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b. We discussed the memorandum dated 15 January 1965 to the Deputy Director for Support from the Director of Finance, subject: "Reduction of Paper Flow to and from Africa Stations on Financial Matters," which set forth certain principles to which we would try to adhere in performing accountings at Class B stations. Initially Tom said that he preferred not to sign this paper since he thought that it was better to leave this matter open for discussion and negotiation on an individual case basis. He went on to say that the Area Divisions feel that the  units should be located at Headquarters in

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the Area Divisions. I expressed my disagreement with this in principle, citing that the Area Divisions do not have accountings for Class A stations or for Class B stations which are serviced by [] units in the field. Further, I am convinced that, as a matter of common sense and also because of my many conversations with chiefs of small stations, they would receive greater relief if the [] units were placed in close proximity to them. After all, lessening the administrative burden is our primary objective. I expressed my feeling that there is a bit of bureaucracy in the Area Divisions as well as in the Office of Finance and, further, that this paper was not intended to be rigid. I do not know whether Tom will sign the memorandum, but I think that he was impressed with my position that we were not doing as much as we should to relieve the work burden of the chiefs of small stations.

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c. We also talked about [] Tom was opposed to [] because it would take away still another fringe benefit which many of our employees have come to enjoy. I told him that I did not feel I had the authority to ignore [] and that, while we could make exceptions to it when there were adequate justifications, I failed to see how we could ignore it in the light of the admonitions to economize from the President, the Bureau of the Budget, etc. I agreed to draft a paper and to show it to him before coordinating it further.

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d. Much to my surprise Tom raised with me the question of whether the Clandestine Services Personnel Division should be a part of the Office of Personnel or the Clandestine Services. His arguments were pretty thin and hinged around status, prestige, etc., which made them look unlike DD/I or DD/S&T in this field. I explained to Tom that he was getting a dividend without any investment in the present arrangement; i.e., most of the people in the Clandestine Services Personnel Division would be employed somewhere in the Office of Personnel even if they should be relieved of the CS Career Service support functions which they now perform for the DD/P. I said that, in principle, if he would like to take over the servicing of the CS Career Service mechanism, he was welcome to do so. However, he should anticipate that the personnel necessary to do this would be a net increase for the DD/P and the Agency since most of the personnel in the presently constituted Clandestine Services Personnel Division would have to be retained by the Office of Personnel. He said that he might want to talk with me about this again.*

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